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As a rule, no new schemes should be proposed in future for introduction in the course of the year 1949-50 except for very special reasons.

In view of the present difficult financial position new schemes for next year should be confined, as far as possible, only to Intensive Cultivation Schemes (Grow More Food Schemes) incorporated in the Two-year plan.

In regard to other schemes, only those which will involve very little recurring expenditure and which are considered to be really and immediately essential for the proper running of any department should be considered.

Expenditure on travelling incurred by Hon. Ministers since April 1949.

7. *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to place on the table of the House a statement of expenditure on travelling incurred by the Hon. Ministers since April 1949 with particulars of districts visited and the journeys performed by rail or car or air?

A.—A statement[a] is laid on the table of the House.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—RECEPTION TO PRESIDENT, MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, BY THE BIHAR LEGISLATURE.

MR. PRESIDENT:—" I must inform the House of what happened in Bihar when I went there. When I was in Bihar in my capacity as President of this Hon. House, the President of the Bihar Legislative Council as well as the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly were very kind and very courteous to me not only personally but to my surprise while I was sitting in the President's Gallery a motion was made for according a reception to me as the President of the Madras Legislative Council. Several Members spoke on it and the motion was adopted that the President of the Madras Legislative Council be welcomed to both the Chambers of the Legislature. Hon. Members should realize that this honour was not accorded to me personally but because I happened to be the President of this Hon. House. An account of that has been published in the local papers there and copies of it have been circulated to the hon. Members. I considered it a great honour done to this House and so I thought it necessary that I should inform the House of what took place there. Because I went there as a representative of this House, I thought it was right that this House should inform the Legislature of Bihar of its appreciation of the honour they gave to their President and the Leader of the House may if he likes make a motion to that effect. I hope the House will approve of it."

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 916–923 infra.

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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Sir, as Leader of the House, I submit we are in duty bound to acknowledge with thanks the courtesy, the honour shown to you as President of this House, and in so doing, I should record with pleasure the following resolution :—

'*that this House records with great pleasure its deep appreciation of the honour done to its President by the reception accorded to him by both Houses of the Legislature of Bihar and requests the President to convey its thanks to the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Bihar.*'

In moving this resolution, I am very mindful of the honour done to us. If such cordial relations of friendship and recognition are kept within the various members that constitute the Union, it will certainly go a great deal to strengthen the Union in the discharge of its functions, in this country and also enhance the reputation of our Legislatures, both of the Provinces and of the Union, as a whole. Appreciating it as we do, I request the House to accord its sanction for passing this resolution."

JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—" Mr. President, Sir, on behalf of the Opposition, I have great pleasure in associating myself and the Opposition with the views expressed by the Hon. Leader of the House. In seconding this resolution, I feel that we are proud that such an honour has been done to the august gentleman who has occupied the Chair of this House with honour and dignity. In you, Sir, we find a person who can with dignity and honour occupy the Chair of any Legislature in the World. You have kept the dignity of this House not only here, but also when you went there, and you have proved to be a person who can be honoured. That honour, Sir, as you have rightly stated, is an honour, through you to the whole House, and to the members of this House; not only to the members of this House, but to the whole Province; not only to this Council, but to the Assembly as well. Therefore, it is but right and it is in the fitness of things that this Council should express its gratitude for the courtesy and respect shown to you by both the Houses of Legislature of Bihar. I am very glad to associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Leader of the House and in seconding this resolution on my behalf and on behalf of the Opposition." 12 noon.

The resolution was then passed *nem con.*

III.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MADRAS MERGED STATES (LAWS) BILL, 1949 (L.A. BILL NO. 44 OF 1949).

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Sir, I move—

'*that the Madras Merged States (Laws) Bill*[a], 1949 (*L.A. Bill No.* 44 *of* 1949), *as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration.*'

Sir, after August 1949, when the complete merger of the States of Pudukkottai, Banganapalle and Sandur has taken place, every

[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 924–935 infra.